

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TARBERT**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	33	33
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>224</b>

## Tarbert, County Kerry

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Tarbert is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application. Tarbert is unique in that it represents the gateway to the "Kingdom of Kerry" and the village does this title justice by being well presented at all its entrance and exit points. In addition scenic views of the sea are possible from many of Tarbert's entrances and exits and the one at the picnic area on the Limerick Road was thoroughly enjoyed by the adjudicator. Tarbert celebrates its heritage both in the Bridewell development and its natural heritage of wildlife. We note work accomplished for this year and plans up to the year 2004 and wish you well in its implementation.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

All of Tarbert's public buildings are well presented, the Garda station, schools, church, Credit Union, Fire Station and Community Hall. The grounds of the Comprehensive School were much admired but its boundary wall was weatherstained, it should be cleaned and/or painted. There are still some inappropriate signs to the roadside façade of commercial buildings. No doubt the committee has approached the owners of these properties and perhaps when proprietors realise how dated these signs are and what a bad image they create, they will eventually be replaced. The Bridewell is a fine development.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Verges on all entrances to the village are neatly presented. The graveyard is being well maintained also and flower displays throughout the village were admired. The picnic area noted above on the Limerick road was much enjoyed. Appropriate planting might be used to good effect to soften the visual impact when entering the town from the Limerick entrance. Flowerbeds at residential areas and flowertubs around the village were appreciated.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The woodland amenity walk is a fine development and those concerned are to be congratulated. Well done on work achieved in enlarging the duck population and bird nesting at Green River. We would be interested in having the results of your monitoring of fish survival rates.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good again this year and we note from your application that you had a major clean up on April 17th and that you organise litter patrols throughout the summer. The awareness campaign in the schools and in the village is welcome. Marks

are awarded under this heading for such details as your litter management plan, in addition to the absence of litter in the town, so the more information that you can give each year, the better your chances of increasing your marks under this heading.

## **TIDINESS**

There was an overall appearance of tidiness throughout Tarbert. Some incidental areas could have been better presented but there were no major problems. Well done on your initiative in regard to the clearing up of gateways and in presenting all gates the same pleasing green colour.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Landscaping at Doonard Crescent and the adjacent residential development was excellent. That at Tieraclea Park was admired also. Estates out the road beyond the Comprehensive School were less well presented in terms of landscaping but were neat, litter free and grassed areas kept neatly trimmed. Well done.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The main problem under this heading was extensive stretches of footpath which featured weed growth along the kerb. This is rather unusual at your stage in the competition and you will lose marks if it continues. We wish you well in having your wirescape ducted and attractive lampstandards provided. Some stretches of footpath needed to be resurfaced. Street furniture in general was reasonably well presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Tarbert is favourable and this reflected in marks achieved to date. Well done on a fine presentation!

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/02)**

There is a very good standard of building presentation throughout the village of Tarbert with buildings well painted and cared for. The entrances are very neat and tidy. The picnic area on the Limerick side appears a little drab and some more imaginative planting of trees and shrubs and a more interesting shape to the hard surfaced areas would be welcome. Removal of the mown grass from the surface would be wise. A litter bin at the square was overflowing and causing spillage of litter to the surrounds. Some litter was also noted at the riverside walk near the heron. The ducks were giving great joy to children feeding them. The riverside walk is a lovely facility and adds to the attractiveness of Tarbert. Along the road to the ferry the small inclusions of shrubbery in the pavement seem to be in need of renewal. Perhaps instead of replanting the same – a more continuous line of Escallonia or Fuchsia hedging would be more attractive and could separate the path from the road. The removal of weed growth in the gutters of the jailhouse would be welcome.

